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MASONS CLOSE SUCCESSFUL MEETING HERE CENTURY BURIAL TOPS ALL OTHERS PROMINENT ATTORNEY CONGRATULATES THE CENTURY VOICE

The Century Burial Association tops the list of Burial Associations in the state for Negroes. This has been quite a progressive year for the Association, having made several new purchases during the year.

Notwithstanding the present War situation, the Association's obligation are being taken care with the same promptness due to the fact that there is a Funeral Home in close reach of all sections of the state.

If you are including a burial contract in your budget for 1943, we suggest that you contact one of the Century Burial representatives who will offer you the best in Burial protection.

TWO BOOSTERS FOR THE CENTURY BURIAL ASSOCIATION AND CENTURY VOICE



Mr. Other Leonard, of Greenwood, Mississippi, is one of the largest agents of the Century Burial Association and a main pillar in supporting the Greenwood District to which he belongs. The young lady, Miss Sylvia Lee Cox, also of Greenwood. Miss Cox is one of the friends and boosters of the Century Burial Association and the Century Voice. She is a student at the Greenwood High School and uses her influence for securing subscriptions to the Century Voice.

FRATERNAL ORDER INVESTS \$25,000 IN FREEDOM

AFRO-AMERICAN SONS & DAUGHTERS BOND PURCHASE SERVES DOUBLE PURPOSE; SECURES ORGANIZATION; AIDS WAR EFFORTS

The Afro-American Sons and Daughters, fraternal order with headquarters in Yazoo City, made a substantial contribution to the nation's war effort by purchasing \$25,000 worth of war bonds. The bonds will in turn prove a wise investment for the protection of the several thousand members of the order.

The purchase was made upon the instigation of T. J. Huddleston, Sr., Founder and Custodian of the Afros and is considered as being another proof of the ability of the Founder for sound leadership. It is reported that the members of the Home Office Force belong to the Ten Per Cent Payroll War Savings Plan and are doing their share for Uncle Sam.

The Afro-Americans own and operate a modern hospital for the benefit of its members.

A CORRECTION

In the November Issue of our paper we listed Mr. Davis Guyton as being the leading agent for the Greenwood District; this was an error, Mr. M. S. Hazzard held that honor. He reported \$321.24 and Mr. Guyton \$295.51 for the month of October. We regret the error was made and we are making a great effort to report all figures correctly.

"Let us lay aside every weight that doth so easily beset us and run with patience the race that is before us."—The Bible.

COMPLIMENTARY LETTER

T. J. Huddleston, Jr.,
Editor and Manager
The Century Voice
Yazoo City, Mississippi
Dear Tom:

I acknowledge receipt of complimentary copy of the November issue of The Century Voice, and have read the same with a great deal of interest. Your paper contains much interesting material, and I feel that you and your associates are to be complimented upon the mechanical make-up and the contents of your paper. I feel sure that your leadership, as evidenced by your patriotic editorials and items relative to industry and agriculture, will prove of great benefit to your subscribers.

I wish for you, and those associated with you, every success in this worth-while endeavor.

Yours very truly,

R. R. NORQUIST

TRADE WITH OUR ADVERTISERS

Spending money will probably reach its zenith during this month and we are urging our readers to spend their money where the dollar will go the furthest and where they will be courteously treated. We have listed a number of advertisements. We have the good will of all these advertisers and they have just what we will be looking for, not only this month but at all times. We have always advocated a Buy-at-Home policy; this year the gas rationing and tire shortage will automatically confine most of the shopping in our home towns, so our text this year is to trade with our advertisers. Carefully look over the paper and see who they are and where they are located. All of them will appreciate your patronage. Remember their advertisements carry a two-fold service; help you know the right place to trade and helps to grow our paper and buy a war bond that otherwise would not have been bought.

THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

Tuesday night before Thanksgiving the Yazoo City County Training School gave its annual Thanksgiving celebration in form of a program at the Afro-Auditorium. From the beginners through the twelfth grades participated in the celebration.

Every Thanksgiving our school, under the supervision of Prof. N. D. Taylor and teachers contribute an offering of some kind to the less fortunate people. This year a gift of fifteen dollars and two cents (\$15.02) was contributed to the Cripple Institution of Mississippi.

Baskets of food were given to the poorer people of this community. It is with the greatest of joy and best of pleasure that the students make these contributions annually.

IN THE BULLETIN

WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR:

- The Highest Reporting Agents For The Month
- DISTRICT MEETING DATES
- TOTAL NUMBER OF CENTURY DEATHS
- AGENT WHO WRITES THE LARGEST NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE MONTH
- AGENT WHO MAKES THE HIGHEST INCREASE IN REMITTANCE DURING THE MONTH
- LEADING DISTRICT MEETING REPORTS
- NEW SUBSCRIBERS
- MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

AN ENTHUSIASTIC FOOTBALL FAN



Little R. W. Harrison, Jr., 14 months old son of Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Harrison, Jr. This picture was snapped by a Century Voice representative as Little Robert watched his father referee a football game. Dr. Harrison is Yazoo City's popular and progressive dentist.

FAITHFUL CITIZEN DIES

Mrs. Bettie Jackson, long time citizen of Greenville, Miss., died suddenly Saturday, December 5, 1942, at the home of her daughter, Miss Beatrice Jackson, manager of the Greenville Branch of the Century Burial Association. This death came as a shock to her many friends and to those countless numbers who have met Miss Jackson through the Century Burial Association and the Afro-American Sons & Daughters. Mrs. Jackson's funeral was held Sunday, December 6, 1942, from the Mercy Seat Baptist Church and was very largely attended. Telegrams and letters of condolence poured in from many sections of the state and a large number from other states. Flowers seemed to have come from everywhere bringing their message of consolation.

A TIE

The contest between the four High School Classes of Yazoo High School No. 2, represented by Misses Elizabeth Tucker of the 9th Grade, Illinois Jackson, of the 10th grade, Elnora Brown, 11th grade, and Margaret Douglas, of the 12th grade, ended Friday morning, December 11, 1942, however, due to the fact, two of the young ladies, Miss Jackson and Miss Douglas, tied in their reports, a ten-day run-off was offered and accepted. We believe these ten days will be more exciting than any others and we are expecting both of them to do well. The results of this run-off and pictures of the two young ladies will appear in our January issue. Watch for the name of the first prize winner.

LEAVES TEACHING PROFESSION

Mrs. Jessie Mae Thomas, member of the faculty in the Webster County Training School, Europa, Miss., resigned her duties in this profession to become manager of the Century Funeral Home in Ackerman, Miss.

Mrs. Thomas has served faithfully as 5th and 6th grade teacher for four years and was at present English and Health teacher in the Junior High School department. In this capacity she did very commendable work for three months.

The students and other members of the faculty regret her leaving but wish her much success in her field of work.

REDECORATED

The home of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Huddleston has recently been redecorated from the inside and outside. A very pretty addition to the home is the two-story attachment, the lower part will be used for a sun and lounge room and the upper part for a recreation room. This addition will mean much to the enjoyment and comfort of Mr. and Mrs. Huddleston as well as enhance the beauty of their location.

MASONS CLOSE SUCCESSFUL MEETING HERE

The M. W. Stringer Grand Lodge of the Masons has just closed its annual session here. Notwithstanding the fact tires are scarce and hard to get and gas rationing going into effect during the meeting there was a large delegation. There was not standing room in the buildings where the meetings were held. Some of the outstanding men in Masonry were present and addressed some of the meetings. Mr. C. H. Galloway who was responsible for the Grand Lodge coming here saw to it that the visitors were comfortable and we believe Yazoo City made a favorable impression upon this group. The Masons represent one of the highest fraternal orders and we know they contributed something to Yazoo City and new life will flow into the local lodge.

SPECIAL NOTICE

We have been asking all agents to make a special effort to collect annual premiums. In order that the names of the members who have paid annual premiums appear in our January issue, it will be necessary to send these names in not later than the first week in January. Please respond to this request as we are using this method to show our appreciation for the members' cooperation.

CONTEST RESULTS WILL APPEAR IN JANUARY ISSUE

In view of the fact that the Subscription Contest was extended ten (10) days longer, we are not carrying the results as up to the previous closing date. The contest results will appear in the January issue of the paper. Be sure to get in as many subscriptions as possible by that time as your members will want to see your name.

We highly appreciate the effort each agent has made in writing subscriptions but we feel that only those who have sent in twenty-five or more were working in the contest and for that reason we shall list as contestants the agents who have reported 25 or more subscriptions since the first issue of the paper.

BUSINESS GOOD

A survey of practically every business place of the Negroes in Yazoo City, shows a great increase in the business for this season. This has been due to the unusual good Fall. The weather has been splendid and in most instances, the wages higher. We know that there will probably come a let-down in the circulation of money among our people, but we believe that at all times we should not forget to trade with our people. Many of the places of business carry the highest quality and famous brands in their lines and at all times a cordial welcome awaits each customer.

ALCORN PREXY ADDRESSES EDUCATORS

Alcorn, Miss.—President William H. Bell addressed the West Tennessee Educational Congress on Friday, November 27, the second day of the three-day meeting which convened at Lane College, Jackson, Tenn. In his speech, President Bell stressed the things which youth of today should be taught. "The Peace of Education in a Nation at War" was the theme of the Congress.

GREETINGS

The Century Voice takes this method to say MERRY CHRISTMAS to the thousands of members and friends of the Century Burial Association and to our loyal and faithful agents. We know that old Santa has a divided mission this year; that he must serve our country in these war time, but we do hope there will be something good coming to each one this Christmas. Don't forget to be thankful for health and up to this time, a bomb free country.

REMEMBER THE BOYS ON THE BATTLEFIELD—Buy War Bonds; there is no better Christmas present.